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Ms. Helen M. Gros
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OR94-360

Dear Ms. Gros:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Texas Open Records Act, chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 24805.

The City of Houston has received an open records request for all documents in the personnel file of a city employee. You have provided all the documents to the requestor except the W-4 form of the employee, which you claim is excepted from disclosure by federal law. We agree; federal law prohibits the disclosure of W-4 forms. Open Records Decision No. 600 (1992) at 8-9. Therefore, you must withhold the W-4 form requested in this case.

Because case law and prior published open records decisions resolve your request, we are resolving this matter with this informal letter ruling rather than with a published open records decision. If you have questions about this ruling, please contact this office.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Margaret A. Roll". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "R".

Margaret A. Roll
Assistant Attorney General
Open Government Section

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Ref.: ID# 24805

Enclosures: Submitted documents

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